The Subject Discussed by Several City Councilmen and Superintendent

resolution offered by Mr. Grimes at the last meeting of the Common Council to reduce the price of gas from \$1.50 to \$1.25 per thousand feet, and to \$1 per thouand to customers who use over 25,000 cubic feet a month, is being considered by the Finance Committee of the City Council.

It is a very popular move, but there are "Can the city afford to reduce the price" and "are the people here paying more for gas than the people of other cities of like population?" To obtain this information a number of city councilmen and officials have been seen by the Dispatch and naked whether in their opinion it would be to the general interest to adopt Mr. Grimes's pro-position.

Mr. Joseph C. Dickerson, who is president of the Board of Aldermen, said yesterday in response to the inquiry "What he thought of this move?" I think it would be to the city's interest to reduce the price of gas if that would increase its consumption.

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HE WILL VOTE FOR IT. Said Alderman R. M. Taylor: "I favor the reduction of the price of gas and will obserfully vote for it when I have an opportunity, provided I find it consistent with the interests of the people. I believe to cheapen prices will increase the consumption and thereby increase the revenue, which is very material to the city."

THE CITY CAN WELL AFFORD IT. "I think the city can very well afford to reduce the price of its gas to \$1.25 or even to \$1 per thousand." said Dr. George B. Steel. "The income from it at that price, even with the present number of gas consumers, would pay the city very well, while the probability is that with cheap gas the number of consumers would be largely in number of consumers would be largely in-

"I am not familiar with the ordinance offered by Mr. Grimes, of Marshall Ward, but there is no doubt that the price of gas is too high," said Mr. Preston Belvin. "A distinguished gas expert informed me several mouths ago that the price of gas was higher in Richmond than in any city in this country having similar advantages in obtaining cheap coal. I cannot believe it is right to force the tax-payers of Richmond to pay a profit of more than 85 per cent, on a necessity while their profits in business are less than half that amount. If the C ty Council would build a gas holder in the West End, put the price of gas at one dollar per thousand (as the cost at the burner is only eighty-one cents), in a few months the incandescent-light would be a light of the past in Richmond. Our gas interests are in the hands of an able and competent committee, with a superintendent capable of making gas as pure and cheap as elsewhere in this country."

"I believe," continued Mr. Belvin, "that the city will soon give a rate on gas that will be satisfactory to all, as I have been assured that some of the committee have had it under advisement for some time."

"I believe the interest of the city demands a reduction of the price of gas," said Mr. J. R. Grimes. "The annual report of the works for 1838 shows that after paying the city 6 per cent. npon the cost of the plant, estimating it to cost \$1,000,000, the Works have city a revenue of \$31,000.000, the Works have consumers and \$1 to consumers using 25,000 cubic feet per month. I sm satisfied that the latter reduction will bring back in large consumers who are now using electric light fully eight or ten thousand dollars per annum. For instance, I would cite one case under my own observation where the cost for electric light for four months was \$497.50, which under the proposed reduction would be reclaimed at a fair profit to the works. I don't believe that the proposed reduction would reduce the revenue to the city more than \$25.000, which, according to the report of 1888, would still leave a revenue of \$29,000. I don't believe that it was ever intended that the works should pay more revenue to the city than enough to sustain them, and I can't see the justice of making gas-consumers pay more tax to the city than change to the city than enough to sustain them, and I can't see the justice of making greatly increase the consumption of gas and at the same time the mersaued ost of manufacturing would be little or nothing greatly increase the use of gas-sagives and gas-stoves at a rental in order to encurage day consumption from gas-stoves and gas-stoves at a rental in order to encurage day consumption from gas-stoves and gas-stoves are a rental in order to encurage day consumption from gas-stoves and gas-stoves and further the proposed sequences of the city of Hart-ford 25 per cent. of the consumption is day consumption from gas-stoves and gas-stoves at a rental in order to encurage day consumption from gas-stoves and gas-stoves. The proposed reduction would reduction would increase the use of gas-sagives. The proposed reduction would be little or nothing the proposed reduction would be little or nothing the proposed redu MR. GRINES'S VIEW. "I believe the interest of the city de-

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TO BUILD AND LEND MONEY.

New Company Chartered with Mayor Ellyson as President.

Wellford, of the City Circuit dudge Wellford, of the City Circuit Court, in vacation, vesterday granted a charter to the old Dominion Building and Loan Association, the purposes of which are to do the business of a perpetual buildare to do the business of a perpetual building and loan association upon what is known as the national plan and that of a savings bank; and as such to purchase, hold, and sell property, real and personal, and to assist its members in saving and investing money and in buying and improving real estate, &c.

The capital stock is to be not less than \$100,000 nor more than \$2,000,000, divided into shares of \$100 each. Real estate may be held in this or any other State not ex-

into shares of \$100 each. Real estate may be held in this or any other State not exceeding \$25,000 in value. The principal of fice is to be kept in Richmond.

The officers for the first year are: President, J. Taylor Ellyson; Vice-President, N. V. Randolph; Secretary and Treasurer, John L. Waring. Directors—Messrs, Ellyson, Randolph, John B. Purcell, John S. Ellett, and Frank F. Sutton.

GENERAL LEE CHIEF MARSHAL

He is Chosen by the Two Committees for the Unveiling Ceremonies.

Yesterday morning the officers and past commanders of Lee Camp met, with Governor McKinney. Auditor Marye, Treasurer Harman, and Colonel Archer Anderson, of the Lee Monument Association, in the Executive office in the Capitol.

The conference was for the purpose of talking over matters connected with the unveiling of the Lee monument.

May 15th was selected as the time for that event, and General Fitzhugh Lee was unanimously chosen for chief marshal.

Lee Camp was requested to take charge of all the ceremonies, which they agreed to do.

The Camp officers will have a meeting some time this week, and will at once proceed to make all arrangements for that event.

but I would take all fees from them, giving them in lieu thereof a certain percentage upon the taxes paid by their respective counties. I think the great expense is having numerous cases before the granting that should be tried by a justice. Therefore in all cases of misdemeanor where the county court and the justice have concurrent jurisdiction I would givexclusive original jurisdiction to the justice; and if there was a question as to the constitutionality of the law on the ground that the accused was deprived a jury trial, I would give the accused, a in some civil cases, the right of removal be a jury trial. I would give the accused, as in some civil cases, the right of removal before trial. Thus the case would be on the court docket without the expense of a grand jury and grand jury witnesses. Another evil is that all witnesses are summoned before the grand jury for the first day and they attend day after day at a cost to the State and no likelihood of being heard. The attorney for the Commonwealth has his witnesses summoned refore the term, and I would make him set his cases before the grand jury for different days and summon witnesses to these and limit the number of witnesses that can be summoned to one day before the grand jury. I would also direct the county judge to fix moned to one day before the grand jury. I would also direct the county judge to fix and set his criminal docket for different days of his term and that witnesses should be summoned to those days and not all to the first, as is the present practice, when it is known that little jury business can be done on the first day of a county court. These are my views at present, but I am not especially wedded to them, but am willing to vote for and support any measure which will cut down these expenses justly and properly."

"OTSIER-BEDS OF THE COMMONWEALTH."

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"The most important measure before the Legislature." said Mr. H. D. Flood, of Appomatiox, "is the bill for the preservation of oysters and obtaining revenue for taking them from the beds of the Commonwealth. This bill has not yet been presented, but has been discussed before the proper committee. The oyster-beds of Virginia are unquestionably very valuable, and should be a source of large revenue to the State. Instead of this, however, they bring the State in debt several thousand dollars every year. The receipts on account of the oyster-tax amounted in the last fiscal year to \$12,464.56. The expenses of keeping up the ovster navy and fees paid to clerks for recording inspectors accounts amounted to \$17,190.30, thus bringing the State in debt nearly \$5,000.

"The bill in question proposes in the first place to give the oyster-men better protection; in the second place, to have the beds properly surveyed so as accurately to ascertain the number of acres in each lease. The State has at least \$00,000 acres of available cyster-bed, and gets rent for less than 50,000 acres. In the third place, to increase the rental to \$1 per acre. The State rents these beds now for 25 cents per acre, the party renting them deriving a revenue of from \$75 to \$300 per acree. "OTSTER-BEDS OF THE COMMONWEALTH."

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"If," continued Mr. Flood, "Governor Lee was correct in his message to the Legislature in December, the State must increase its revenue in some way, and here is an interest owned by the State from which this revenue can and should be derived."

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Two Convicts Captured.

On the 18th of last July two colored convicts escaped from the Abugdon Coal and Iron road in Washington county, where they were engaged at work. Their names are Curtis Petitiord and Richard Gillison. Both have been recaptured and brought back to the penitentiary.

The arrest were made in Washington city on the 16th. The man were brought over to Alexandria and lodged in jail. Yesterday morning Captain White, one of Superintendent Moses's assistants, left here on the 7:32 train and reached the city on his return with the men at 2:38 o'clock. He had only seven minutes to stay in Alexandria.

Bettiford was serving a term of five years

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Pettiford was serving a term of five years for burglary committed in Princess Anne county, and Gillison was sent from Fauquier for the same term for stealing. The State To-Morrey

will contain what every loyal Virginian

THE RICHMOND

LAWS THAT WE NEED

LEGISLATORS SUBGEST SOME OF GREAT IMPORTANCE.

A Reduction in the Criminal-Expense Account Considered Imperatively Necessary.

The members of the General Assembly have talked over the recess question, and while there is a general disposition to do what will probably be most serviceable to the State, a tide of opposition.

The life of the session, after it has been extended the thirty days allowable, ends 120 days from December 4th—that is to say, April 2d—and there is no reason to suppose that the decisions of the United States Supreme Court in the Virginia debt cases

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The May Concern:

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is over, we have received a large number of Pianos and Organs of every description to fill up the place of the goods sold last month.

Mr. Joseph C. Schutte, who was until recently with E. A. Stumpf, has established himself at The Globe Saloon, 312 east Broad street, and will celebrate his opening on Monday, January 20th, by serving a fine tree lunch, which to judge he invites everybody.

Advertisers in the Monday State. To-morrow's edition will be the greatest ever published. Advertisers wishing proferred positions will please send in their

Notice. To My Friends and the Patrons of the Globe Sa-I wish to inform same that I will serve on Monday, Janury 20th, a fine opening lunch. All are cordially invited,

JOSEPH C. SCHUTTS.

A. B. C. remedies are better endorsed than any on the market. They merit your

Chesapeake and Ohio Limited. Chesapeake and Ohio Limited.

The Chesapeake and Ohio has established a daily "Limited" train between Richmond and Norfolk in both directions. The "Limited" leaves Richmond at 8:15 A. M. arriving at Norfolk at 11:25 A. M. The "Limited" leaves Norfolk at 3:55 P. M., arriving at Richmond at 7 P. M. By these trains you can take breakfast and supper in Richmond and spend over four hours in

Females should use A. B. C. Tonic. It is a specific for their special diseases.

It is said that the small and innerfictly-pre-pared books purporting to give a history of Jel-ters in Davis are having a good sale. This shows the interest taken in the subject all over the circula ion for the "Memorial Volume of Jefferson Davis." now being prepared by New. J. Wil-iam Jones (the fighting chaplain). Dr. Jones was for years the secretary of the Southern Historical Society, and is not only a scholar and popular sequaintance with President Davis and his fa nily, and his own active personal particlention in figures. the stirring scenes of the most important period of the life of the President of the Confederacy, it will be seen at once that he is eminently fitted to prepare such a volume as thir. He is busily engaged in the work now, and has the cordial cooperation and assistance of Mrs. Davis, who piaces much material at his disposal. It is un-derstoo; that by an arrangement with the publishers Mrs. Davis will share in the profits of the publication, and when we add that the book is be brought out by the well-known southern house of B. F. Jourson & Co., Buchmond, Va., B. goes without saying that the took will be in all respects first class and in every way worthy of the illustrious subject. It is destined to have a large circulation and will be worthy of it.

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Digestion of food facilitated by taking Dr. Henley's Colory, Beef, and Iron. It gives tone to the stomach and aids rature.

Brain-workers, keep your beads clear bowels open. Take Simmons Liver Regulator. Remember,

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Horse-powder known is Dixie Condition Powder. Chills and fever of three years' standing cured kins House, Uptoaville, Ky.

Families who use oil should keep in mind that the light and dangerous products of petroleum will then give a clear and brilliant light; they aboutd also remember that a better light is fur-nished by PRATE'S ASTRAL OIL At a triding alditional cost with the advantage of absolute

AUCTION SALES MONDAY. GEORGE W. MAYO, 10% A. M., trustee's sale of hotel furni ure, carpets. &c.
GEORGE S. VASHON & SON, 4 P. M., trustees' sale of property on Belvidere, China, and Holly streets.

F. TUNNICLIFFE & CO., 19 A. M., new and second-hand furmiture, &c.
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CUTTING DOWN PRICES

WITH OUR

MERCILESS HATCHET

As our final and greatest effort preparatory to stock-taking, we've gone through every department and cut the year life out of prices. Our hatchet was unrelenting. It gave no quarter. It knew no mercy. The cold steel went through the prices of the best and choicest garments with the same promptitude as it pierced those of the less desirable ones. You can actually come during this (the third) week of our

GREAT JANUARY MARK-DOWN SALE.

and buy any garment or article in our establishment at a positive saving of from 33 to 50 per cent. This great sale is no ordinary affair. It's something that could only have been brought about by this unparalleled and disastrous, backward season. Here's the 19th of January and we've hardly had a week of grundes winter weather. Can anybody be surprised that, although our trade generally has been very good, we are now burdened with a heavy winter stock? And we doubts our good judgment in trying to dispose of this big surplus at a severe loss, instead of carrying the goods over to next year, as old-fogy clothiers do? has why not call at our store and see for yourself? You can't surely go on a more interesting errand,

WE CONTINUE TO SELL FOR ONE WEEK LONGER

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Commencing to-morrow morning ANY BOY'S OVERCOAT (sizes four to eighteen years) that was \$7.50, \$7, \$6.50, \$6, can be bought this week for

\$5, \$5, \$5. FWE DOLLARS. \$5, \$5, \$5. ALL SILK HATS that were \$6 reduced to \$1.75; all SILK HATS that were \$4.50 reduced to \$3.60. FOR THIS WEEK ONLY. ALL SHIFF AND SOFT HATS that were \$3, \$2.75, \$2.50 reduced to \$1.95. FOR THIS WEEK ONLY. Not an article in these departments but what has been considerably reduced. If you waited for a favorable opportunity to buy, make your purchases

THE BOSTON.

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As the days of January pass by the pressure for reduction becomes We have on hand 200 pair of shoes which were made to order by us from best material and hand-made, the usual prices of which range from 87.50 to 810 per pair.

Your choice now, to close out the lot, at \$5 per pair.

W. E. Drew, 800 Main street, corner Eighth.

Greater and greater, otherwise many wares should have to be side-tracked that we feel Ponn's Ether, for Pains, Sores, etc. The marvellous cures effected compelled scientific medical investigation and forced the time that we preach

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each to any one customer;

HAIR-PINS for Sc.;

for 8c -- only two to each customer; The new CHAMOIS METAL-TOP MAIL-BAG

PURSE 18c -- one to each customer;

That wonderful \$1 CORSET for 59c.

Fancy LEATHERETTE CIGAR-CASES from

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FOR MONDAY ONLY-All the new and hand



The motive-power of this immense

is the price. Quantity and quality go for no-

The firing of cannon against the common every-day prices has awakened to a busy mart even this slumbering month.

What the prices will do this week has never been done before, go where you will into any department. No chance to speak of one out of a hundred.

THE QUANTITY TO EACH INDIVIDUAL PURCHASER

Must Again You can depend, however, that the sale continues until the lots are entirely sold out.

All the LONG-HAIRED MONKEY MUFFS will of all the 12% a kind made for 9% a yard-only CAMBLIA BOUQUET SOAP is in all respects STONE CULINARY BEATER AND MILLER one dress to each customer; the 10a, ones for 80 be sold for 25c -one to each customer; BOYS' JERSEY SEULL-CAPS from 19 to 5c., ANDRO-COGGIN BLEACHED COTTONS for 6%c, a yard-not more than ten yards to each

from 21 to 10c.; cus omer; IMITATION ASTRACHAN TAM O'SHANTER The best 12Mc. LONSDALE CAMBRIC for Sc. a from 25 to 10c.; yard-only ten yards to each customer. CHILDREN'S WORSTED FANCY TOBOGGAN In the Fancy Department (moved to ma CAPS from 19 to 9c. - not more than two of floor, right sisie, rear) you will find FANCY

LADIES' WHITE WORSTED FASCINATORS from 39 to 15c. -one to each customer; All shades of TINSEL for ic. a ball-CHILDREN'S SILK, PLUSH, CROCHET, and all balls to each customer; WASTE EMBROIDERY SILE, assorted kinds kinds and colors of CAPS-prices from \$1 to and colors, about one dollar's worth in a box, to \$3.25-your choice for 50c. each; 200 REAL STEEL SCISSORS-all kinds and Mic. a box-only one to each customer;

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more than two to each customer; Cooper, Dickens, Thackersy, etc., for \$3c .-The CAN'T-BEND-EM PINS-one pin if not lost only one to each customer: GEORGE ELIOT'S COMPLETE WORKS, cloth will outlast a whole paper of the usual kind-2c. a paper-two to each customer; bound, 5 volumes, from \$1.58 to \$3: A leather case of four kinds-100-IMPORTED RELWER'S COMPLETE WORKS, half-calf binding, from \$12.98 to 99 :

A paper of ENGLISH BLUE-STEEL HAIR-PINS one to each customer - the usual 35c, ones for NEW MANAGER IN THE BOOK DEPART. MENT.-Hereafter everything in books will be here, All the cew as well as the old favorities.

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Prices shall do the selling part.

equal in point of perfume and miliage to See the wonderful wark it does. Contracting the Cashmere Bouquet, Oakley's manufacture, labor of an hour 19to ha f a minute. Fractica for 10a a cake-one cake to each customer; exhibition at the store every day this week OAKLEY'S TRIPLE EXTRACT to bulg, all odors, for 25c. an ounce. Bring your own vial or you can buy vials here from 3c. up; TETLOW'S SWAN-DOWN, containing box of

ALL-SILK SURAHS, all the didn't-want-them shades of the past season-49 and 69c. ones for 20c. a yard; All the bandsome SATIN RHADAMES, six

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various dark shades, from \$1.19 to 65c -- only one dress to each customer: 49c. was the price of CASHMERS PRINTED WHAPPER MATERIAL-45c, the price this 118,000,000 pounds to 62,000,000.

ALL-WOOL O-INCH FRENCH DRESS FABRIC that cost 55c. to import will be 25c. Everything in DRESS FABRICS, new spring or past winter stuffs, at special prices for the

January Sale. TWO TO EACH CUSTOMER, -BOYS' OUTING FLANNEL SHIRT-WAISTS. The best price of watch is 80c., for 25c. e.ch.

MILLINERY. wear is to be had here-only the price. The price is one-half and less on account of a change | half the usual quantity used of any other us in the management of the department. If You will secure the same strength and twice the 40: this week-early one to each customer; ANDERSON'S FAIRY TALES, GRIMM'S PAIRY out and with promptness. The advantage of

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